Notes from the Mayor

This is a great time of the year—fall and the coming of winter. A Michigan color tour with all the beauty of the color of the trees is always a joy to see. We all need to be thankful for our community, our great friends, neighbors and our city employees who work hard for you each and every day.

We have many great things happening here. Our DDA has been focusing on plans for a roof over the ice rink/basketball courts to enhance its usage. It will be available for concerts, craft shows, the farmer’s market and many other events. Our city is in good shape. We are currently doing sidewalk maintenance, making it safer for those who walk. Our DPW has done a great job keeping our streets, water and sewer systems in good shape and our parks are always in demand.

We all have many things to be thankful for. If your family is like mine, we’ll gather around this holiday season, break bread together and share the blessing that we had over the year with each other. I saw a card and it said, “I love the ones who are in my life and make it amazing and I thank the ones who left my life and made it even more fantastic.” I am thankful for being able to serve you.

Summer Beautification Winners: Congratulations to Debra Plessner at 108 Renshar; Barb Anderson at 304 Southlawn; and Grace Lutheran Church at 303 Ruth, for their hard work to make Auburn pretty. Their yards were a credit to our community this summer. You can be part of the Holiday Lights Contest this year. Decorate your house for the holidays, help Auburn shine, and earn a small prize for yourself.

I just want to remind you that you are always welcome to come to our City Commission meetings. They are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the City Hall meeting room. We are creating a new committee of residents to help make—and keep—Auburn beautiful. If you have any questions, you can always call me at 492-0533 or email me at mayor@auburnmi.org.

Have a great holiday season!

Contact the City
Police/Fire: 911
Police Office: 989-662-6769
City Hall Office: 989-662-6751
Please mail or email your comments to:
Patricia Rayl, City Administrator
113 E. Elm St.
Auburn, MI 48611
Or email: prayl@auburnmi.org
“Like” us on Facebook with @Auburn. Michigan or visit us at www.auburnmi.org

MILLAGE RATE
Current Rate 12.00
12.00
2016-2017 Rate
Average Home Value $128,000
$64
Average Homeowner PAYS PER MONTH
Utility Billing Dates to Remember

Dec 1, 2016  Bills delivered to the Post Office
Dec 21     Due Date to avoid penalty
Dec 22     Penalties added
Dec 27     Past Due Notices delivered to the Post Office
Jan 14     Due Date to avoid shut off
Jan 18     Disconnection Tags are delivered and water turned off for nonpayment.

Go paperless! Submit a request to UtilityBilling@auburnmi.org
Note: Postmarks will no longer be accepted as of Dec. 31, 2016

Helpful Tips

On-Street Parking Reminder—Winter is just around the corner, and we'd like to remind you about our winter parking regulations. Overnight street parking is not allowed from November 1 to April 1, between the hours of 2am to 6am. Please allow our DPW to clean the streets of snow without any vehicles in their way. Violators will be ticketed.

Sidewalks and Snow—Please make sure to clear your sidewalks and driveways of snow this winter. This will provide safer travel for you, your neighbors and other pedestrians throughout the city. Please refrain from removing snow from your property and placing it in the street. This makes it more difficult to keep roads cleared. Thank you.

Monthly Budgeting—Did you know you can pay your quarterly water/sewer bill in advance? You can set up your bank to pay a third of the bill once a month, and that would leave a small balance or credit on your actual quarterly bill. Call 662-6761 if you have questions. Also, you can go paperless by submitting an email request to UtilityBilling@auburnmi.org, if your postcard bill keeps getting lost in the mail. That will save you any late penalties because the mail service let you down.

Streetlights—If a street light is out, you can go to the city's website and click on the Streetlight Button. It will take you to the Consumers Energy Streetlight Outage site. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call us at 662-6751, or Consumers at 800-477-5050.

Leaves—Rake your leaves into the street for the DPW crew to collect. Leaf collection ends in mid-November. You can bag leaves for Wednesday's garbage collection after that.

Utility Increases—Starting November 1st, Waste Management increased their charges to us for the weekly trash collection. For residents with a cart, the quarterly trash fee is now $38.55, and $35.43 for people who don't have a cart. This is an increase of $2.58 and $2.46 respectively.

Winter Driving—While driving in winter conditions, please give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Slow down and allow extra braking distance. Be patient, watch for pedestrians and school children, and drive carefully.

Park Building Rental Increase—Note that in 2017, the cost to rent the park building is increasing to $125 a day. Residents of Auburn and Williams Township will be able to make reservations on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Wondering about the curvy lines all over Midland Road from this summer? It's part of the regular maintenance of the roads. As cars drive over the asphalt, cracks will form. If water gets in, that can make the cracks widen. This can lead to potholes, and the road getting a lot worse. Look for a complete resurfacing in a few years, as money from the state allows.
# City of Auburn 2016 Trash Calendar

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**Notes:**

Trash days are highlighted and recycle days are marked with a box. Normal trash pickup is every Wednesday.

Trash will be collected one day late due to the following Holidays: Memorial Day - May 30, Labor Day - September 5.

Yard Waste Stickers will no longer be provided by Waste Management. Please mark yard waste containers clearly with a permanent marker or spray paint.

For large item pickup please call Waste Management at 800-796-9696. Christmas trees are collected the first two weeks of January.

2016 Waste Management yard waste collection starts April 6 and ends November 30.
Upcoming Events

Flu & Pneumonia Shots
When: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 11am-1pm
Where: Auburn Library

Auburn Planning Commission
When: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7pm
Where: City Hall
Date changed because of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Auburn Lions Club Meeting
When: Thursday, Nov. 3, 7:30am
Where: Auburn Hotel

Auburn KoC Fish Fry
When: Friday, Nov. 4, 3-7pm
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

Auburn Open/Public Shooting
When: Saturday, Nov. 5, 9am-4pm
Where: Lagoon Dr. Shooting Range

Last-chance Absentee Voting
When: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10am-2pm
Where: Auburn City Hall

Alpaca Bazaar
When: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10am-4pm
Where: Williams Township Hall

Election Day
When: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7am-8pm
Where: City Hall

Auburn Writing Club
When: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library

Veteran’s Day Holiday
When: Friday, Nov. 11
City Hall will be closed.

City Commission Meeting
When: Monday, Nov. 14, 7pm
Where: City Hall

DDA Board Meeting
When: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10am
Where: City Hall
Date changed because of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Auburn Jaycees Meeting
When: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7pm
Where: City Hall
Date changed because of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Auburn Lions Club Meeting
When: Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30am
Where: Auburn Library

Auburn Book Club Discussion Group
When: Thursday, Nov. 17, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library

Thanksgiving Holiday
When: Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25
City Hall will be closed.

Small Business Saturday
When: Saturday, Nov. 26
Where: Auburn retailers
Presented by American Express. Support your hometown stores!

STEM Junk Box Challenge
When: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 4pm
Where: Auburn Library
Registration begins Nov. 1st.

Read Off Your Library Fines
When: Thursday, Dec. 1, 4pm
Where: Auburn Library
Late children’s fees can be credited for 20 minutes of reading or listening.

Auburn KoC Fish Fry
When: Friday, Dec. 2, 3-7pm
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

Santa’s Reindeer
When: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5-7pm
Where: Auburn Library

Santa Fun Fest!
When: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6-8pm
Where: Williams Township Hall

Holiday Ornament Crafting
When: Thursday, Dec. 8, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library
Registration starts Nov. 8th.

City Commission Meeting
When: Monday, Dec. 13, 7pm
Where: City Hall

Auburn Book Club Discussion Group
When: Thursday, Dec. 15, 6pm
Where: Auburn Library

Auburn Jaycees Ugly Sweater Run
When: Saturday, Dec. 10, 10am
Where: Auburn Park
Register at auburnjaycees.com

DDA Board Meeting
When: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10am
Where: City Hall

Christmas & New Year’s Holidays
City Hall will be closed Dec. 23 & 26, and Dec. 30 and Jan. 2

Rep. Gary Glenn
When: 1st Fridays from 12-1pm
Where: City Hall Meeting room.
Stop in & share your concerns.

We want to hear from you!
Let us know what you think. Call 662-6761 or email prayl@auburnmi.org.
What kinds of businesses/retail shops would you like to see in Auburn?

Include your organization’s activity on our list.
Email prayl@auburnmi.org or drop off info at City Hall.
Save yourself the hassle of running to City Hall to pay your utility bills!
Sign up for an automatic bill payment withdrawal from your bank account. You can get the form off our website or at City Hall between 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Money would be withdrawn from your bank account quarterly on the 19th day of the month in which the bill is due. There is no fee for this convenient service, so switch today. Questions? Call 662-6761.

**Auburn City Commission**

**Mayor**
Lee Kilbourn

**Commissioners**
Ken Charbonneau
Matt Charbonneau
Jan Dzurka
Matt Hardy
Jeff Rahl
Russell Williams

**Meeting Calendar**
City Commission meetings are held at City Hall once a month on the 2nd Monday at 7p.m.

Downtown Development Authority
4th Tuesday of the month at 10a.m.

Planning Commission
3rd Tuesday of the months of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov at 7p.m.

Please Check the Website for the City calendar of all meetings and events.

www.auburnmi.org

**2016 Holiday Schedule**
City Hall and DPW offices will be closed for the following holidays.

- Good Friday—March 25
- Memorial Day—May 30
- Independence Day—July 4
- Labor Day—September 5
- Veterans Day—November 11
- Thanksgiving—November 24 & 25
- Christmas—December 23 & 26
- New Year’s Eve & Day
- December 30 & January 2

Residents who need assistance with a Public Works emergency on these days should call 911 who will contact a Public Works employee or supervisor.